

**REMARKS**

The specification has been amended to include the attached Sequence Listing.  
The attached paper and computer readable copies of the Sequence Listing are the same.  
A separate Statement to this effect is attached. No new matter has been added.

A copy of the Notice dated December 26, 2001, is attached.

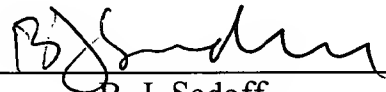
The undersigned believes the present paper and attachments are completely responsive to the requirements of the attached Notice however the Office is requested to advise the undersigned if otherwise and allow additional time for responding with any further required item.

An early and favorable Action on the merits of the claimed invention is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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